

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated May 2, 2008, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 2-4, 8, 10-14, 15-16, 17, 23-29, 32-33, 37, 39-41 and 45 but objected to claims 5-7, 9, 18-22, 30, 31, 34-36, 38, 42, 43 and 45 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim that would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the allowability of the objected to claims. Accordingly, Applicant has amended claims 5-6, 9, 18-19, 21-22, 30-31, 34-35, 38, 42-43, 45, to be in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant submits that the amended claims as well as unamended claims 7, 20, 36 which depend directly from the above-mentioned claims are in condition for allowance.

Rejected claims 1, 2-4, 8, 10-17, 23-29, 32-33, 37, 39-41 and 45 are canceled without prejudice.

The Examiner objected to the abstract of the disclosure noting that it contained several separated paragraphs. Applicant has amended the abstract and submits that it is now in proper form.

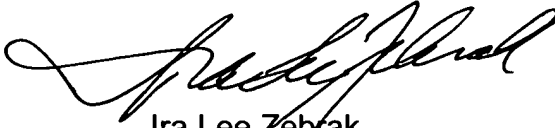
Applicant respectfully submits that, as amended, pending claims 5-7, 9, 18-22, 30-31, 34-36, 38, 42-43 and 45 are in condition for allowance, the rejections of the now presently canceled claims on prior art have been obviated, and the abstract is now in proper form.

Applicant earnestly solicits that the application be allowed and promptly passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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